

EXHIBIT B

A Clean Copy of the Amended Claims

Claim 18 has been cancelled.

Claims 2 and 19–31 have been amended as follows:

2. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that a coating is provided immediately below the top coating.

19. The method according to claim 18, characterized in that the paper substrate is selected from the group consisting of a fibrous web, a surface-treated fibrous web, a coated fibrous web which is treated with laser energy at its surface.

20. The method according to claim 19, characterized in that said surface-treated fibrous web is coated with a coating selected from the group consisting of unpigmented, white and color pigmented coatings.

21. The method according to claim 19, characterized in that the surface of the fibrous web is treated with laser energy, and at least one further coating which is selected from the group consisting of printing, paint coating and metal coating is applied to the surface which has been treated with laser energy.

22. The method according to claim 19, characterized in that the surface of the fibrous web is treated with laser energy, the surface treated with laser energy is metal-coated, and then a coating selected from the group consisting of printing and paint coating is applied to the metal-coated surface.

23. The method according to claim 19, characterized in that the metal-coated surface of the fibrous web is treated with laser energy, and then a coating selected from the group consisting of printing and paint coating is applied to the surface which has been treated with laser energy.

24. The method according to claim 19, characterized in that the surface of the fibrous web which is provided with a coating selected from the group consisting of unpigmented, white or color pigmented coatings is treated with laser energy, and then a coating selected from the group consisting of printing and paint coating is applied to the surface which has been treated with laser energy.

25. The method according to claim 19, characterized in that the surface of the fibrous web which is provided with a coating selected from the group consisting of unpigmented, white and color pigmented coatings is treated with laser energy, the surface treated with laser energy is metal-coated, and then a coating selected from the group consisting of printing and paint coating is applied to the metal-coated surface.

26. The method according to claim 19, characterized in that the surface of the fibrous web which is provided with a coating selected from the group consisting of unpigmented, white or color pigmented coatings is treated with laser energy, the surface treated with laser energy is metal-coated, and then a coating selected from the group consisting of printing and paint coating is applied to the metal-coated surface.

27. The method according to claim 19, characterized in that the surface of the fibrous web is treated with laser energy, the surface treated with laser energy is provided with a coating

selected from the group consisting of unpigmented, white or color pigmented coatings, and then a coating selected from the group consisting of printing and paint coating is applied.

28. The method according to claim 19, characterized in that said fibrous web is transparent, opaque, white or colored.

29. The method according to claim 19, characterized in that said coating of the fibrous web is an unpigmented, white or color pigmented coating.

30. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that said metal coating is selected from the group consisting of copper, aluminum, gold and silver.

31. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that said mark is selected from the group consisting of a logotype, a name, a trade mark, an image or a safety marking.